

When it comes to the health of the people of the United States, we must make education and public awareness a top priority. John J. Callahan is a devoted student, having earned his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science at Fordham University, his Master's Degree in Regional Planning at Syracuse University and his Ph.D. in Social Science also at Syracuse. John has served as an Assistant Professor of Education and Planning at the University of Virginia and an adjunct professor at the USDA Graduate School and American University.

Further, John J. Callahan is a devoted family man. He is very supportive of his wife and three children. He wants to ensure a health future for his children as well as the children of our entire nation.

I would like to conclude by saying that the Department of Health and Human Services has played a key role in today's health care debate. I have no doubt that our great Nation will pull together to find solutions to the problems that have been identified. The solutions will come from individuals like John Callahan, one who has devoted his lifetime to education, research and public service.

It is again my honor and pleasure to declare my full support for John J. Callahan's nomination to be the Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget and Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Health and Human Services.

I would like to thank Jeffrey C. Lederman for his capable work on development of this statement. Mr. Lederman is a medical student at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-School of Osteopathic Medicine who ably assisted by Aging Committee staff as a fellow over the last 2 months. We are grateful to Mr. Lederman for his service to the Committee. •

U.S. AIR FORCE AIR MOBILITY COMMAND

• Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the Secretary, the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force and the officers, men and women of the United States Air Force Air Mobility Command for their performance during the recently concluded reliability, maintainability, and availability evaluation of the C-17 Globemaster III. This aircraft, though controversial at the start has more than proven itself under intense scrutiny by the USAF testers, but most importantly it has proven itself to the men and women who load it, fly it, and maintain it.

During the RM&A evaluation, the C-17 and their crews transported 5,500 tons of Air Force and Army equipment, airdropped nearly 770,000 pounds, including Sheridan tanks and accommodated over 3,000 paratroopers of the 82d Airborne from Fort Bragg, NC and I send my congratulations to them as well. The C-17 flew more than 2,250

flight hours and 500 sorties with a 99-percent launch reliability rate.

We look for jointness in many of our procurements, the C-17 was built with this in mind. Its load capacity has been designed to carry Patriots, helicopters, humvees, main battle tanks, multiple launcher rocket systems and the Army's huge communications vans. These items can not only be transported but driven on and driven off of the aircraft * * * and in an austere environment. It can take the mission essential equipment to where the troops need it. It truly can carry the fight to the enemy * * * wherever he is.

And so Mr. President, I hope this puts to rest those critics of the C-17 who look to less flexible, limited commercial freight haulers to support the combat requirements of this Nation's military personnel. Again, I pass my congratulations and "a job well done" to all those involved in the C-17 program. •

LAURA HUDSON

• Mr. JOHNSTON. Mr. President, for almost 23 years I have been privileged to serve in the U.S. Senate. For some 20 of those years I have been blessed with the able assistance of Laura Hudson, who completes her Senate service this week, as my legislative director and indispensable right hand.

In so many ways, Laura personifies the best tradition of Senate service—beginning in one capacity and growing into so many more. The young history post-graduate, who took a legislative-correspondent position in my office in 1975, quickly grew beyond that and has been my invaluable counsel on a variety of legislative challenges over the years.

Her knowledge of the budgetary process is legendary among her colleagues. And her command of the appropriations process has no equal among those who serve on personal staffs in the Senate.

There are parks and preservation projects, in Louisiana and beyond which exist solely because of the personal commitment and legislative skill of Laura Hudson, whole regions of the globe, such as Micronesia, routinely neglected by many in the Congress, receive a respect and recognition in Washington due heavily to Laura's devotion. That component Closeup Program, which brings hundreds of students and teachers each year from the former Trust Territories of Micronesia, is but one example of Laura's passion.

Moreover, I am convinced that the relationship between our country and many of the developing and emerging economies of the world, such as China, Viet Nam, and Indonesia, profit in immeasurable ways from the understanding and leadership of staff persons such as Laura.

This is a woman, Mr. President, who has forsaken many opportunities in the private sector because of a deep belief in the merits of public service, and a

belief in the simple tenet that she could make a difference. More than we often acknowledge, it is the Laura Hudsons who made a qualitative difference in our daily work product.

I know that Laura will continue to contribute, as only she can, to public policy. But I will miss her in a way immediate and direct, as will so many of her longtime colleagues in the Senate. But I know they join me in expressing appreciation and best wishes as Laura enters an exciting new chapter of her life. •

JUNEAU DRILL TEAM WORLD CHAMPIONS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, the drill team from Juneau-Douglas High School in the capital of my State recently won the world championship International Dance-Drill Competition in Nagoya, Japan.

In recognition of their accomplishment, I ask that articles from the Juneau Empire detailing the team's achievements be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the articles were ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Juneau Empire, August 6, 1995]

DRILL TEAM WORLD CHAMPS—JUNEAU GIRLS

SWEEP ALL THREE CATEGORIES IN JAPAN

(By Mike Sica)

They're the best on the planet.

The Juneau-Douglas High School Drill Team dazzled the world, performing the best show, military and prop routines at the International Dance-Drill Competition today in Nagoya, Japan.

The girls also received a special award from the mayor of Nagoya.

Drill team head coach Leslie Dahl said it was hard to understand what was being said because it was all in Japanese.

"All I know is the mayor thinks we're the best," Dahl said.

So did the panel of judges who ranked the Juneau girls ahead of hundreds of other competitors spanning the globe.

The JDHS drill team finished ahead of two Japanese squads in the show routine, beat California and Australia in the military march, and topped Japan and California in the prop routine.

"This is beyond our wildest imaginations," an excited Dahl said over the phone just minutes after the announcement of the winners. "The girls had to push Jennifer Frederick (team captain) forward because she thought she had heard wrong, she just couldn't believe it."

Neither could Craig Dahl, Leslie's husband and a member of the Drill Team Dads. He didn't expect the girls to win the show routine, only because they had few props compared to their competitors in that category.

"I'm sure they drew the crowd into their routine," he figured. "It's exactly what they did in Long Beach (Calif.), when they won the three national titles" earlier this year.

Craig Dahl said the girls must have turned it on under pressure, captivating the audience with their energy and enthusiasm.

"It's absolutely fantastic, they're as good as we think they are," he added.

Juneau made the finals, making the first cut with their preliminary performances on Saturday. Leslie Dahl knew they were strong in the prop routine but thought they were shaky in the military march.